(b) whether those patients were informed in advance about non-availability of those facilities in the hospital ; and

(c) if not, whether Govern ment propose to compensate the next of kin of those patients and, if so, what is the nature of proposed compensation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH " AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N1LAMANI ROUTARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grounding of Westland Helicopters

624. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ASHWANI KU-MAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVI-ATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have using Westland WL-30 helicopters ;

(b) if so, since when ;

(c) what is the number of these helicopters stationed at each place in the country ;

(d) how many of them were grounded as on 30th December, 1989 for want of spares or for other reasons and how many were under active operation ;

(e) what is the period for which each aircraft remained grounded since it landed in India ;

(f) what is the estimated overall total loss incurred by Pawan Hans, Indian Airlines and the ONGC separately as a result thereof ; and

(g) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure uninter rupted supply of spares for proper maintenance of the fleet?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Pawan Hans Limited purchased 21 Westland-30 helicopters for use in the oil and non-oil sectors.

(b) The helicopter., arrived in India in phases during the period 25-9-86 to 11-3-88 and the first two helicopters were inducted for operation on 6-10-1986.

(c) Eight helicopters were stationed at Bombay, 5 in Delhi and one each at Vijaywada, Agartala, Nazira, Shillong, Porbandar and Aizwal—in all 19 helicopters. Two helicopters were lost in accident.

(d) The entire fleet of Westland-30 helicopters is grounded sincd 21-12-1989.

(e) Please see Statement.

(f) The loss incurred by Pawaa Hans Limited from 1986-87 to September, 1989 was Rs. 17-99 crores, approximately.

As ONGC is compensated by Pawan Hans Limited by way of liquidated damages, no loss has been incurred by it. The question of loss to Indian Airlines does not arise.

(g) Apart from placing bulk orders to augment the stock level and AOG (Aircraft on Ground) orders to meet urgent requirements, frequent meetings are held by officers of" Pawan Hans Limited with the representatives of the manufacturers. In addition efforts have been made at the bilateral level also in this direc tion.

Statement

•	Registration Number	Total number of days in India	No. of days the helicopters remained grounded (as on 20-12-89)
VT-EKE	. .....	1205	468
VT-EKF	.....	820	373
VT-EKG	.....	820	670
VT-EKH	.....	1185	804
VT-EKI	.....	1125	614
VT-EKJ	.....	1095	332
VT-EKK	.....	1085	448
VT-EKL	...	970	546
VT-EKM		957	456
VT-EKN	.....	950	438
VT-EKO	.....	414	92
VT-EKP	.....	889	415
VT-EKQ	.....	829	448
VT-EKR	.....	515	201
VT-EKS		767	233
VT-EKT		729	231
VT-EKU	.....	719	384
VT-EKV	.....	681	210
VT-EKW	.....	675	159
VT-EKX		643	185
VT-EKY	.....	639	294
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